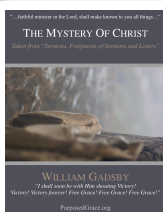


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December 31st, 2017

“The LORD was ready to save
me: therefore we will sing my
songs to the stringed
instruments all the days of our
life in the house of the LORD.”

(ISAIAH 38:20)



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Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

You're All Invited! Tonight...

Lincoln Wood Baptist, fellowship dinner after the evening service

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Heidi Young - January 1st, Clarissa Richards - January 3rd

This evening's podcast will be from PASTOR TODD NIBERT

1 JOHN 3:1-3 — "OUR HOPE" (4-21-95)

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AN EXPECTED END IN GLORY

"...I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU, SAITH THE LORD, THOUGHTS OF PEACE, AND NOT OF EVIL, TO GIVE YOU AN EXPECTED END."

(JEREMIAH 29:11)

Every day, while in the inner man I want to glorify my Lord, it seems all I am permitted to see in the stinking flesh of my old man is this body of death. *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord—it is He who has saved me. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin* [ROMANS 7:24-25, TITUS 3:5].

Beloved, when I make the mistake of looking at myself, at all my thoughts, at all my words, at all that I am—I only and ever see in me all the just reasons why my Heavenly Father should send me to hell. *But God*, having enabled me to look away from all that I am (having absolutely *no confidence* in my flesh) I ever and only look to Christ, seeing in Him all the just reasons why the Father may set me in glory with all those that shall sing of His beloved Son *"Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation"* [EPHESIANS 2:4-5, PHILIPPIANS 3:3, REVELATIONS 5:9].

While at the close of this year, I am thankful for so many of His benefits, I count this benefit supremely above them all, that I may say with you beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is *my Lord, my God, and all my salvation* (JOHN 20:28, 2 SAMUEL 23:5).

Beloved believing sinner, you are *complete in Him*, complete in His righteousness and thoroughly [completely] washed of all yours sins by His blood. And while we may not know what this coming year may bring, praise the LORD, by His undeserved grace in Christ, we know we shall have *an expected end* in glory [COLOSSIANS 2:10, JEREMIAH 29:11].

Until that blessed day beloved, I pray He will be pleased to spend us for His glory and the good of His people in the coming year. Amen.

PASTOR

“A person may have had law terrors, and yet be a stranger to justification. Salvation lies not in Moses’s rod, but in Christ’s balm. It is Moses that gives the wound, but Christ the cure.”

—WILLIAM HUNTINGTON

ETERNAL LIFE IS THE GIFT OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

“FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.”
(ROMANS 6:23)

God requireth not anything of us whereby we should purchase or merit for ourselves [eternal] life and salvation. For we are saved by grace “*through faith;*” “*not of works, lest any man should boast*” (EPHESIANS 2:8-9). God doth save us neither by nor for the “*works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his own mercy*” (TITUS 3:5); so that, although on the one side, “*the wages of sin is death,*” there being a proportion in the justice between sin and punishment; yet there is none between our obedience and our salvation; and therefore “*eternal life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord*” (ROMANS 6:23). God, therefore, requires nothing at our hands under this notion or consideration; nor is it possible that in our condition any such thing should be required of us. For whatever we can do is due beforehand on other accounts, and so can have no prospect to merit what is to come. Who can merit salvation by [his own doing]?

[PASTOR] JOHN OWEN

WILL YOU HELP ME?

“BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US.”

(1 THESSALONIANS 5:25)

Yes, as your pastor, I desperately need your help. I’m not asking for something which is unimportant or optional, but something which is essential to the spiritual well-being of ourselves, our children and all who frequent this assembly. Nor am I asking for something which can be done by anyone and everyone, but is a privilege exclusive to you, the saints of God.

[Beloved], I am asking for your prayers. As you have graciously granted me many requests through the years, for which I am thankful, I earnestly implore you to grant me this request. For your sakes and for mine, don’t permit me to stand before you from time to time without being uplifted before the throne of grace by your personal and united prayers.

I am a mere man whom God has chosen to deal with the souls of men and the consequences are solemn and eternal. My message will either be a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death, *“And who is sufficient for these things?”* (2 CORINTHIANS 2:16). [Amen]

PASTOR MAURICE MONTGOMERY

THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE

“...LONGSUFFERING TO US-WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.” (2 PETER 3:9)

In 2 Peter 3:9, the apostle is explaining why the Lord has not returned to this earth, the reason being, that He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. This refers to His will of purpose. It is God’s purpose that all should come to repentance and be saved. In *longsuffering* He waits until all the “us-ward” have been brought to repentance. The “us-ward” are described as those who had obtained the like precious faith (2 PETER 1:2); who had been given all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 PETER 1:3); and who had escaped the corruption that is in the world (2 PETER 1:4). In 2 Peter 3:15, the apostle tells the same “us-ward”, that they are to account the *longsuffering* of the Lord as salvation. Christ’s *longsuffering* towards the elect keeps Him on His mediatorial throne until all have been saved. Had He come sooner than planned, many of the elect would not have been saved. I have been a Christian for 51 years, and if He had come before my conversion, I would have perished in my sins. It is not His will of purpose that any of those given to Him by the Father shall perish. The words “all” and “every” are hardly ever used in the absolute sense.

[PASTOR] C.D. COLE